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TRANSCRIPTASE DIMERIZATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-3, 5-60 and 62-64 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' rights to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later-filed application. Please amend claims 82, 87 and 103 as follows:

--82. (Amended) A composition comprising the compound of claim 66 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.--

--87. (Amended) A method of enhancing formation of a complex between a p66 subunit polypeptide of HIV-1 reverse transcriptase and a p51 subunit polypeptide of reverse transcriptase, which comprises contacting the p66 and p51 subunits with an effective amount of the compound of claim 66, so as to thereby enhance formation of a